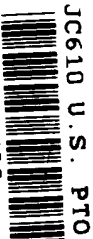


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RE: SUBMITTAL OF CIP UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION.

Dear Sir;

Please find enclosed a CIP Utility Patent Application titled
"MULTIPLE ELEMENT LENS SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR UNCORRELATED
EVALUATION OF PARAMETERS IN PARAMETERIZED MATHEMATICAL MODEL
EQUATIONS FOR LENS RETARDANCE, IN ELLIPSOMETER AND POLARIMETER
SYSTEMS", a signed Declaration, a signed Status as a Small Entity
Form, an Information Disclosure, and a check for \$943.00, (eq.
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Claims + \$117.00 for Six Independent Claims + \$351.00 for the
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STATUS AS A SMALL ENTITY

The undersigned, BLAINE D. JOHS, CRAIG M. HERZINGER, PING HE and MARTIN M. LIPHARDT hereby aver that they are the sole inventors of the invention titled: "MULTIPLE ELEMENT LENS SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR UNCORRELATED EVALUATION OF PARAMETERS IN PARAMETERIZED MATHEMATICAL MODEL EQUATIONS FOR LENS RETARDANCE, IN ELLIPSOMETER AND POLARIMETER SYSTEMS"; and that they are Independent Inventors in accordance with Sectionn 1.9(c) of 37 C.F.R., and that they qualify as a Small Entity as defined in Section 1.9(f) of 37 C.F.R.

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